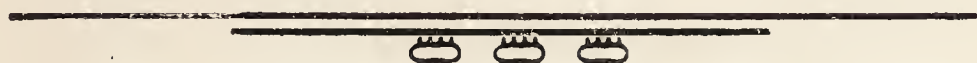


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OF THE

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# Medical Officer's Annual Report for 1921.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Farnborough Urban District Council.*

TOWN HALL, FARNBOROUGH.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. HARDINGHAM, AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present you with my Report on the health of your district during 1921.

This Report is based on the lines indicated in the Circular relating to the contents and arrangement of the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health, issued by the Ministry of Health (dated 28th December, 1921).

The Circular having as its object a reduction of the time required for preparation and of the cost of printing, requests that Survey Reports (Annual Reports of a full and detailed character) be made at intervals of not more than five years. For the intervening years Ordinary Reports (Annual Reports of a more simple character and containing only certain minimum requirements) are desired. The Annual Reports for 1919 and 1920 are to be treated as constituting the first of a series of Survey Reports; consequently this will be an Ordinary Report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

E. CROFT WATTS,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## (I) GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area .. .. .	2,331 acres
Population (Census, 1921) .. .. .	12,645
Population (Registrar General)—	
For Birth Rate .. .. .	12,590
For Death Rate .. .. .	9,706
Number of inhabited Houses (excluding Military Quarters) .. .. .	1,785
Number of families or separate occupiers .. .. .	Not available
Rateable Value—	
Civil .. .. .	£60,678
Government .. .. .	£13,209
Sum represented by a Penny Rate—	
Exclusive of Government Property .. .. .	£252 16 6
Inclusive of Government Property .. .. .	£307 17 3

## (2) EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS DURING THE YEAR.

Births—	<i>Total.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Legitimate .. ..	262	142	120
Illegitimate .. ..	10	2	8
Birth rate (R.G.)—21·5.			
Deaths, Civilian only ..	95	49	46
Death rate (R.G.)—9·7.			
Number of Women dying in or in consequence of Childbirth—			
From Sepsis .. ..	..	..	0
From other Causes .. ..	..	..	1
Deaths of Infants under one year of age (per 1,000 births)—			
Legitimate .. ..	..	..	45·8
Illegitimate .. ..	..	..	100
Total .. ..	..	..	47·7
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..	..	..	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	..	..	1
Diarrhoea (under two years of age) ..	..	..	0
Diphtheria (between two and fifteen) ..	..	..	6

## (3) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.		Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Under 1 Year.	2 and under 3.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	20 and under 35.	35 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	Over 65.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria ..	..	41	40	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	6
Scarlet Fever ..	..	15	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery.. ..	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Tuberculosis—												
Pulmonary	M.	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	11	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	1	7
Non-pulmonary	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	3	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified during the year.

The ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths was 3 : 11.

Notification is quite efficient, except that occasionally doubtful cases sent to the Dispensary are not notified.



#### (4) CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There were no noteworthy causes of sickness and invalidity in the district during the year.

#### (5) SUMMARY (for reference) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

##### Professional Nursing in the Home.

- (a) *General*.—South Farnborough Nursing Association, one District Nurse ; North Farnborough Nursing Association, one District Nurse.
- (b) *For Infectious Diseases*.—Nil.

##### Midwives.

The question of Midwives is dealt with by the County Council.

##### Clinics and Treatment Centres.

These are also dealt with by the County Council.

##### Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority.

- (a) *Tuberculosis*.—Nil.
- (b) *Maternity*.—Nil.
- (c) *Children*.—Nil.
- (d) *Fever*.—The Isolation Hospitals at Aldershot and Farnham are available for patients from this district at prescribed fees.
- (e) *Small Pox*.—Nil.
- (f) *Other*.—Farnborough and Cove War Memorial Hospital. Within the District. Not supported by the Council. The Hospital is situated in the centre of the District. There are ten beds and a private ward, operating theatre, etc.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the District.

##### Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) *For Infectious Cases*.—The Council's own ambulance.
- (b) *For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases*.—Red Cross ambulance at Aldershot ; St. John's hand ambulance.

The Royal Aircraft Establishment have their own ambulance.

## (6) LABORATORY WORK.

No laboratory work is carried out within the District ; arrangements are made with Aldershot and the County Council.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin and Anti-influenza Vaccine are supplied to Medical Practitioners on request.

### List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, and Local Regulations relating to the Public Health, in force in the District, with Date of Adoption.

	<i>Date of Adoption.</i>
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Parts 2, 3 and 4 .. .. .	15th June, 1897
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, Parts 2 (with the exception of Clause 26), 3, 4, 9 and 10 (Sec. 95) .. .. .	7th Dec., 1909
Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890	28th July, 1902
<i>Bye-laws.</i>	
Nuisances .. .. .	28th Sept., 1899
Common Lodging Houses .. .. .	28th Sept., 1899
Slaughter-houses .. .. .	29th Mar., 1900
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements, the Removal of House Refuse, and the Cleansing of Earth Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools .. .. .	11th July, 1904
Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures used for Human Habitation .. .. .	3rd July, 1906
New Streets and Buildings .. .. .	23rd May, 1907
<i>Regulations.</i>	
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops .. .. .	12th June, 1899

## (7) SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

### Tabular Summary of the Work of the Sanitary Department during the Year, and Action taken under the Public Health Acts or Bye-laws, etc., mentioned above.

Work of Sanitary Inspectors under Article XX. of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Order, 1910—					
Inspections of houses and premises <i>re</i> nuisances and complaints .. .. .					
					211
House to house inspections .. .. .					81
Re-visits to work in progress .. .. .					574
Re-inspections .. .. .					474
Testing drains .. .. .					113

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops .. .. .	40
Factories and Workshops .. .. .	19
Slaughter-houses .. .. .	82
Butchers and other shops where food is prepared or exposed for sale .. .. .	104
Schools .. .. .	31
Inquiries and re-visits <i>re</i> Infectious Disease ..	217
Disinfections—Houses .. .. .	64
„ Schools .. .. .	22
„ Bedding .. .. .	72
Samples of water taken for analysis .. .. .	4
Samples of Milk taken for analysis .. .. .	15
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Total .. .. .	2,123
Statutory Notices served—	
Under the Public Health Act, 1875, Sec. 94 ..	12
Under the Public Health Act, 1875, Sec. 36 ..	4
Under the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Sec. 22 .. .. .	1
Under the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, Sec. 45 (2) .. .. .	3
Under the Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890 .. .. .	9
Under the Housing (Town Planning) etc., Act, 1919, Sec. 28 .. .. .	45
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Total .. .. .	74
Preliminary Notices served .. .. .	271
The result of the service of such notices—	
Statutory Notices complied with .. .. .	42
Preliminary Notices complied with .. .. .	143

### **Inspection of Places where Food is Prepared.**

A systematic inspection of Slaughter-houses, Butchers' Shops, Bakehouses, and other premises where food is prepared or exposed for sale, is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector, the number of such inspections being set out in the tabular statement.

One formal seizure was made of seven sides and six pieces of bacon, of a total weight of 390 lb.

The following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human food :—

One carcass of pork ; one case of pigs' plucks.  
88 lb. of beef ; one beef liver.  
One carcass of lamb.  
6 lb. of corned beef.  
653 lb. of fish.



During the year fifteen samples of milk were taken and forwarded for examination by animal experiment for Tubercle Bacilli. These samples, together with eight taken during the latter part of the preceding year, included all sources of local and imported supplies. In no case was the Tubercle Bacillus found.

### **Number and Condition of Slaughter-houses, Registered or Licensed.**

There are four licensed slaughter-houses within the District, all being modern brick buildings and in good order.

### **Arrangements for Disinfection and Disinfestation, and the Extent of their Use.**

The Sanitary Authority undertake the disinfection of premises after infectious disease. The rooms are sprayed and fumigated with formaldehyde; bedding and clothing is removed to the Steam Disinfector Station at the Sewage Works. A gratuitous supply of disinfectants is also made in such cases.

Disinfection was carried out at 64 houses and at 22 schools; 72 lots of bedding and clothing were disinfected by steam.

The local authority have not undertaken the disinfestation of premises, all such cases being dealt with by the service of notices on the owners or occupiers.

### **Action under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.**

Frequent inspections have been made of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops, but no serious infringements of the Order have been noted. Limewashing has been regularly carried out, and the standard of cleanliness has been well maintained.

### **(8) PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.**

*(With note of special Diplomas or Certificates of Qualification.)*

*Medical Officer of Health (Part Time).*—E. Croft Watts, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.(Edin.), D.P.H.(Lon.).

*Sanitary Inspector.*—P. W. Bellamy. Holds the Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Nuisances, also of Meat and other Foods, and the Certificate of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers.

Other Public Office held : Inspector of Hackney Carriages.

*Clerk.*—V. W. Smith, who also holds the qualifying Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Nuisances and Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.



Contributions to the salaries of the Medical Officer of Health and of the Sanitary Inspector are received through the County Council.

## (9) HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

(a) Total .. .. .	21
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme ..	12

### (1) Unfit Dwelling Houses.

Inspection—

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .. .. .	81
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ..	69
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..	2
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. .. .	79

### (2) Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ..	17
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### (3) Action Under Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under Sec. 28 of the Housing (Town Planning), etc., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. .	45
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—	
(a) By owners .. .. .	14
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .. .. .	2
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close .. .. .	0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—	
(a) By owners .. .. .	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .. .. .	0
C. Proceedings under Secs. 17 and 18 of the Housing (Town Planning), etc., Act, 1909.	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders .. .. .	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit .. .. .	1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .	0
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .	0